MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): It is not so. In anticipation of sanction, at times, all heads of departments do confirm people who are over-aged and then the matter is reported to Government.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): I want the answer to the question, "Is it the definite policy of Government?"

PRESIDENT: You cannot generalise from a single incident, Mr Madhavan Pillai.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Then what is it?

PRESIDENT: We are dealing only with a particular instance and so, I think, you cannot generalise from that.

Contract with Messrs. MacMillan and Co., re Malayalam Readers.

97. **MR. M. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI** (*Agastisvaram*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state when the contract originally entered into between the Government and Messrs. MacMillan and Co., for the sale of text books in the State terminates?

(*b*) If the original contract has already terminated, was any further extension of time given, and, if so, for what period?

(*c*) If the contract has already terminated and no extension of time was given, why is it that the same text books are still prescribed for use in the Vernacular Schools in the State for the school-year 1925-26?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The dates of expiry of the contract relating to the MacMillan Malayalam Readers are as below:—

Reader.	*Date of expiry.*
Reader No. I	1st May 1925.
II	Do.
III	June 1925.
IV	June 1926.
V	May 1927.
VI	Do.

(*b*) The contract for the Readers Nos. I to III has already expired, but Messrs. MacMillan and Co. have been asked to supply these Readers for the school-year 1925-26 as other arrangements could not be made in good time.

(*c*) Arrangements for providing Readers in substitution for those supplied by Messrs. MacMillan and Co., are not yet complete.

MR. M. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI (*Agastisvaram*): From the answer given, I see that the contracts for the Readers Nos. I to III given to Messrs. Macmillan and Co., have expired by the 1st of May 1925 and June 1925. I would like to know whether Government did not take action sufficiently early to arrange for the supply of new books for the year 1925-26.

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MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The original arrangement was, as stated in the answer, to get ready Readers I to III locally. Reader No. I was ready; but on examination it was found that it could not be accepted as it was. There was no time to get out the Readers in time locally. Hence, the Company was asked to supply the Readers for one more year. Copies of the Readers were not received here from the company before the re-opening of the schools.

MR. M. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI (*Agastisvaram*): May I know if Government intend to have the new text books printed in Travancore itself with a view to encourage the printing industry here?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Orders have already been issued to have these Readers printed here and issued; but, for 1925-26, the arrangement could not be effected in time.

MR. M. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI (*Agastisvaram*): May I know if there was any delay in supplying Readers I to III for this school-year?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I have already answered that there was delay in the Readers arriving from Messrs. Macmillan and Co., and there has been some delay in the supply of books.

MR. M. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI (*Agastisvaram*): May I know if that was the reason for the failure to distribute books to the different institutions in the State?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes. It is understood that arrangements have now been made to supply the books to the different institutions of the State.

MR. M. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI (*Agastisvaram*): May I know whether there is sufficient stock for one year's supply?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Government have given orders for the supply of books which would meet one year's requirements, and the books have arrived.

List of Assistant Inspectors.

98. **MR. A. K. PILLAI** (*Karunagapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a list of Assistant Inspectors and Headmasters of Lower Grade English Schools classified according to the subjects of their respective specialisation?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The list* asked for by the member is laid on the table.

Extension of Reserved Forests.

99. **MR. T. J. MATTHEW** (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(i) whether several representations have not been made by the members of the S. M. P. Assembly against the further extension of reserved forests;

* *Vide* appendix—pages 683 and 684.

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